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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (Original) A circuit assembly, comprising:
  - a circuit substrate with a first set of circuitry;
- a bonding pad mounted to a surface of the circuit substrate electrically coupled to the first set of circuitry;
  - a flexible circuit substrate with a second set of circuitry;
- a connecting pad mounted to a surface of the flexible circuit substrate facing the surface of the circuit board and electrically coupled to the second set of circuitry;
  - a ball of conductive material mounted on the bonding pad; and
  - a clamping device to press the connecting pad to the ball of conductive material.
- 2. (Original) The circuit assembly of claim 1, wherein the ball of conductive material is gold.
- 3. (Original) The circuit assembly of claim 1, wherein the ball of conductive material is solder.
- 4. (Original) The circuit assembly of claim 1, wherein the bonding pad is gold coated.

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5. (Original) The circuit assembly of claim 1, wherein a solder bump is placed on the bonding pad.

6. (Original) The circuit assembly of claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of bonding pads coupled to the surface of the circuit substrate;

a plurality of connecting pads coupled to the surface of the flexible circuit substrate

facing the surface of the circuit board; and

a ball of conductive material mounted on each bonding pad.

7. (Original) The circuit assembly of claim 1, wherein the clamping device is one of a group including a screw and nut, a pin, and a clip.

8-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Original) A method, comprising:

mounting a bonding pad to a surface of a circuit substrate;

electrically coupling a first set of circuitry of the circuit substrate;

mounting a connecting pad to a surface of a flexible circuit substrate facing the surface of the circuit substrate;

electrically coupling a second set of circuitry of the flexible circuit substrate;

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mounting a ball of conductive material on the bonding pad; and clamping the connecting pad to the ball of conductive material.

- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the ball of conductive material is gold.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the ball of conductive material is solder.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the bonding pad is gold plated.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein a solder bump is placed on the bonding pad.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
  coupling a plurality of bonding pads to the surface of the circuit board;
  coupling a plurality of connecting pads to the surface of the flexible circuit substrate
  facing the surface of the circuit substrate; and

mounting a ball of conductive material on each bonding pad.